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SUBJECT: NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES - JAPANESE TUNA FISHING

OFF GUAM

1. GOV. CAMACHO OF GUAM HAS CABLED SEC. KISSINGER SAYING

THAT EXTENSIVE JAPANESE TUNA FISHING IS NOW BEING CONDUCTED OFF GUAM, AT A TIME WHEN GUAM TRYING TO DEVELOP OWN TUNA FISHING INDUSTRY. GOV. CAMACHO REFERS TO US/JAPAN FISHERIES BILATERAL WHICH EXPIRES DEC. 31, 1974 AND ASKS THAT STATE DEPT, WHEN NEGOTIATING NEW AGREEMENT, ATTEMPT TO INCLUDE GUAM AMONG PLACES IN WHOSE CFZ TUNA FISHING IS PROHIBITED. NO DETAILS ABOUT THE JAPANESE TUNA FISHING EFFORT WERE PROVIDED BY GOV. DEPT HAS REPLIED TO EFFECT THAT GOV'S VIEWS WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AT UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS.

2. DEPT NOTES THAT IF JAPANESE ARE FISHING SKIPJACK OFF

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GUAM, JAPAN WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF AN ORAL UNDERSTAND-

ING REACHED IN WASHINGTON AT THE NOVEMBER, 1972 BILATERAL TALKS, TO THE EFFECT THAT JAPAN DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT THE TUNA FISHING PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT PERMIT THE TAKING OF SKIPJACK. THIS UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED AFTER IT BECAME KNOWN THAT THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT MENTIONED ONLY QUOTE MAGURO UNQUOTE, A WORD IN WHOSE MEANING SKIPJACK IS NOT INCLUDED. OF COURSE, AGREEMENT PERMITS TAKING OF OTHER TUNA SPECIES IN GUAM'S CFZ.

3. IN ORDER TO CLARIFY NATURE OF PROBLEM, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT ASCERTAIN FOR DEPARTMENT WHAT SPECIES OF FISH JAPAN IS TAKING IN GUAM'S CFZ AND IN WHAT QUANTITIES. KISSINGER

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